DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare: that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled COMPOSITION COMPRISING BIODEGRADABLE HYDRATING CERAMICS FOR CONTROLLED DRUG DELIVERY, the specification of which was filed on April 20, 2006, as THORPE NORTH & WESTERN, LLP Docket No. 26109.PCT.US, and given United States Application No. 10/576,857; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in §1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I hereby claim the benefit of the earlier filed patent application filed in the European Receiving Office as application no. PCT/EP2004/012060 filed on October 21, 2004; and of the earlier filed patent application filed in the Swedish Patent Office as application no. 0302782-8 filed on October 22, 2003; and of the earlier filed patent application filed in the U.S. Patent Office as application no. 60/561,875 filed on April 14, 2004; and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the earlier filed pending application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of §112 of Title 35 of the United States code, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in §1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which occurred between the filing date of the earlier filed application and the filing date of this application.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon..

I hereby appoint as its attorneys and/or agents all registered patent practitioners/attorneys associated with Customer Number 20,551; all with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

All correspondence concerning this application should be directed to David W. Osborne at the address associated with the above-mentioned Customer Number. (Even though an attorney is listed, please associate the above-mentioned Customer Number with this case.).

Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at Uppsula, Sweelen (City, Country), this 8 day of July, 2006.

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